

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

JEANNETTE LEVETAS PAULEY,  
  
Debtor.

Case No. 24-32478-KRH  
Chapter 7

**ORDER REVOKING PRIVILEGE OF THOMAS WATSON, ESQUIRE,  
TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

On December 5, 2024, this Court entered an *Order for Thomas Watson to Show Cause Why He Should Not Be Disciplined for Violating Order Holding Him in Contempt of Court and Imposing Sanctions*, which matter was to be heard before this Court on January 8, 2025 [ECF 55]. After hearing several matters brought by the United States Trustee in the instant case, and in Case No. 24-mp-00301, the Court subsequently entered an *Order Continuing Hearing*<sup>1</sup> [ECF 68]. Due to an emergency closure of the courthouse on January 16, 2025, the matter was ultimately heard before this Court on January 21, 2025. Counsel for the United States Trustee was present; however, Mr. Watson did not appear at the hearing.

As this Court has previously found Mr. Watson in contempt and imposed monetary sanctions in the amount of \$1,000.00 [ECF 40], which amount was never paid as indicated by the Statement of Default filed by the United States Trustee [ECF 51], and based upon Mr. Watson's repeated failure to appear abide by orders entered by this Court and to appear at

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<sup>1</sup> The signature block on the Order Continuing Hearing reflects that Thomas Watson, Esquire ("Mr. Watson") authorized counsel for the United States Trustee to affix his electronic endorsement through an email dated January 4, 2025.

hearings held before this Court, and the Court having found that notice is proper, its jurisdiction over this case and matter is proper, venue is proper, this is a core proceeding, and that it is right and just to do so, for the reasons stated on the record in open court, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Mr. Watson's privilege to practice before the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia is **REVOKED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk shall immediately terminate Mr. Watson's CM/ECF access rights; and it is further

**ORDERED** that upon entry of this Order, the Clerk shall forward copies to the parties on the attached Copy List.

DATED: April 7, 2025

/s/ Kevin R. Huennekens

Notice of entry: April 7, 2025

I ask for this:

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<sup>2</sup> On January 10, 2025, Gerard R. Vetter resigned as acting United States Trustee and Matthew W. Cheney replaced him as the acting United States Trustee for Region 4. Pursuant to Rules 7025 and 9014(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Mr. Cheney is automatically substituted for Mr. Vetter as a party.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Order has either been served on or signed by all necessary parties.

/s/ Kathryn R. Montgomery  
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